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SUBJECT: UPPER HOUSE PASSES POLITICAL PARTIES BILL AND
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ELECTION BILL

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1. THE UPPER HOUSE APRIL 10 PASSED WITHOUT CHANGE THE TWO BILLS
CONCERNING POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE UPCOMING PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
ELECTIONS THAT THE LOWER HOUSE HAD VOTED APRIL 4 (REFTEL). THE
BILLS THUS GO TO THE PRESIDENT. HE IS EXPECTED TO SIGN THEM INTO
LAW WITHOUT PROPOSING AMENDMENTS.

2. THE UPPER HOUSE DEBATE CENTERED ON THE POLITICAL PARTIES BILL,
WHICH PROVIDES AND EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE FOR PARTY VALIDATIION
UNDER DECREE-LAW 060 FROM 12 MONTHS TO 24 MONTHS. THE RAPPOREURS
OF THE BILL, PRO-ADMINISTRATION SENATORS NGUYEN TOAI AND NGUYEN
KHOA PHUOC, DEFENDED THE MEASURE AS ENCOURAGING POLITICAL PARTIES
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AND IMPLEMENTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL SPIRIT. MODERATE BUDDHIST

OPPOSITION SENATORS TRAN QUANG THUAN AND TON THAT NIEM AND CATHOLIC
OPPOSITION SENATOR LE CHAU LOC EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT CHANGING THE
TIME LIMIT IS NOT ENOUGH. REFERRING TO HIS EXPERIENCE AS AN OR-
GANIZER OF THE DEFUNCT TU DO PARTY, LOC SAID THAT A PERIOD OF
12 MONTHS, 18 MONTHS, OR 24 MONTHS IS NOT IMPORTANT. WHAT IS IM-
PORTANT, HE BELIEVED, IS THAT THOSE IN POWER CREATE AN OPEN-MINDED
ATMOSPHERE FOR POLITICAL PARTIES. OPPOSITION SENATOR TRUONG
TIEN DAT, WHO HEADS THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, TOOK THE OCCASION TO
EXPRESS THE OPINION THAT THE POLITICAL PARTIES BILL IS LITTLE MORE
THAN AN EFFORT BY PRES THIEU TO SAVE THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC
ALLIANCE, WHICH OTHERWISE FACES A MID-APRIL EXPIRATION DATE
PRESIDENT THIEU HOPES TO MAKE THE SDA A "TAME OPPOSITION", DAT
DECLARED.
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